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**Mrs. Margaret Charlton Prevatte Culbreth**

Mrs. Margaret Charlton Prevatte Culbreth, 66, died Wednesday, December 30, 2015, following a courageous battle with cancer.

A memorial service to celebrate Margaret's life was held on Sunday, January 3, 2016, at Leavitt Funeral Home.

Margaret was born in Anson County on November 1, 1949, a daughter of Ruth Deese Charlton and the late Henry Sidney Charlton. She had worked in textiles and later as the deli manager for Winn-Dixie.

Survivors include her mother, Ruth Charlton of Wadesboro; four children, Charles "Tony" Prevatte, Jr., Sherry Powell, Randy Prevatte, and Kim Prevatte; stepson Shane Culbreth; four grandchildren, Steven Goodwin (April), Brandon Goodwin, Hannah Powell and Kyler Powell; great-grandchild Colt Goodwin; two brothers, Jerry Charlton (Betty) and Edd Charlton; and a sister in law, Mildred Charlton.

Margaret was preceded in death by brother Jimmy Charlton.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Union County, 700 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 28110.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

**Mrs. Ella Helen Lamm Ingram**

Mrs. Ella Helen Lamm Ingram, 88, died Sunday, December 27, 2015, at Carolinas Medical Center-Union in Monroe.

Services were held on Sunday, January 3, 2016, by the graveside in Savannah United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Kaye Fry officiating.

Helen was born Sep-

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tember 27, 1927, in Franklin County, NC, the eldest daughter of the late Joseph Edmond Lamm and Ovie Cooper Lamm.

Following graduation from Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College) in Wilson, NC Helen began her career as a public school teacher in the Lilesville schools. She became a confirmed Anson County resident when she married Thomas Jeremiah "Jerry" Ingram on December 20, 1950. Helen retired from the Anson County School System as a high school English teacher.

After Jerry's death on April 2, 2002, Helen experienced declining health. However, a team of caregivers including Modestine Gatewood, Sharon Liles and Kim Allen provided unwavering care that assured the best possible quality of life for her.

Helen's sister Josi Venus Lamm Finch and brother Phillip Adrian Lamm preceded her in death.

Surviving siblings are Bobby Lamm of Newport News, VA, Thelma Lamm of Williamsburg, VA, Andrea Hildreth of Virginia Beach, VA, Fred Lamm of Hesperia, CA, E. C. Lamm of Castalia, NC and Brenda Lamm of Raleigh. A number of nieces and nephews also survive.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Savannah United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 452, Lilesville, NC 28091 or the Anson County Historical Society, 206 E Wade St, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

**Mrs. Myrtle Arlene Oliver Lisk**

Mrs. Myrtle Arlene Oliver Lisk, 82, died peacefully on January 1, 2016, at her home.

A service to celebrate her life was held on Sunday, January 3, 2016, at Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Jerome Cash officiating.

Arlene was born in Anson County on February 27, 1933, a daughter of the late Ellis and Mollie Morton Oliver. She was a retired salon manager for Belk LaMarick in Danville, VA.

Survivors include her children, Susan Walton (Don) of Seagrove, William C. Still Jr. (Nancy) of Danville, Va, Sheila Harrington (Gary) of Morven and Sandra Carpenter of Wadesboro; eight grandchildren, Kim Hardison Morgan, Jason Carpenter

(Jessica), Oliver Still (Celeste), Brian Still, Donnie Walton (Rebecca), Mollie Walton Flatley (Brian), Avery Harrington (Caroline) and Shelley Harrington Maness (Jason); 15 great-grandchildren; and her sisters and brother, Fannie Griffin of Wadesboro, Sarah Polston of Laurinburg, Agnes Sessions (Sam) of Ocean Isle Beach and Lester Oliver of Wadesboro.

In addition to her parents, Arlene was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Lisk, Sr. and by her first husband and father of her children, William C. Still, Sr.; a brother, Aaron Oliver; and three sisters, Esther Blalock, Rosa Gilmore and Eunice Burr.

The family would like to thank Dr. Michael Lincoln and his staff, also Kim Morgan, Denise Willoughby, Tamara Owens, Gelisa Foye, Joan Coppedge, Stephanie Williams, Ashley Hardison, Jessica Carpenter and Caroline Harrington for their loving care and concern shown over the past years.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

**Mrs. Maxine Horne Mitchell**

Mrs. Maxine Horne Mitchell, 77, died Monday, January 4, 2016, at Carolinas Medical Center Union in Monroe.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2016, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home with Rev. Tony High and Rev. Barry Gerald officiating. Interment will follow in Horne Family Cemetery.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service Thursday and other times at the home of her daughter in Peachland.

Maxine was born January 12, 1938, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Morven Washington Horne and the late Lilly Viola High Horne. She had worked for a number of years in textiles and as a private duty care giver.

Surviving are her children, Kendra (Jimmy) Mitchell Melton of Peachland, Robbie N. Mitchell of Lenoir, Timmy (Buffy) Mitchell of Kernersville and Shannon Sims of the home; her grandchildren, Russell, Sheena, Heather, Shaun, Elizabeth, Blake, Chris, Jamie and Joey; nine great-grandchildren; her sisters, Diane Shackelford and Brenda (Don) Deatherage, all of Peachland; and her sister-in-law,

Vivian Horne of Peachland. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husbands, Robert Mitchell and Mike Mitchell, sons, Jeff Mitchell and Randy Mitchell and brother Gary Horne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Anson County Relay for Life Team, c/o American Cancer Society, 1901 Brunswick Ave., Charlotte, NC 28207.

The arrangements are in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

**Mrs. Gail Dutton Preslar**

Mrs. Gail Dutton Preslar, 69, died Wednesday, December 30, 2015, at her home.

There was a service of worship and thanksgiving on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at Long Pine United Methodist Church with Rev. Stephen Shytle and Rev. Warren Lunsford officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Gail was born December 19, 1946, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Marion Battle Dutton and the late Dorothy Rayfield Dutton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Edmund "Eddie" Preslar and brother Dr. Marion Donnie Dutton.

A 1963 graduate of Morven High School, she furthered her education at Appalachian State University, receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in English Education in 1967 and her Master's Degree in English Education in 1972. She completed all doctoral coursework at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1985.

Gail had a long and successful career in public education, having taught at Bowman High School in Wadesboro on two different occasions and also at Hibriten High School in Lenoir. She worked as the Coordinator for Competency Testing Program at Bowman High School, which brought the school's scores from the cellar in the state to the top. This program that she developed was considered a model for accelerating student graduation rates in the '80s. Gail was also the cheerleading coach at Bowman High School, producing several championship squads and many future leaders in various careers. She was asked to become Curriculum Coordinator for the district in mid-career, and spent her last decade in education as Associate Superintendent of Anson County Schools. She valued education

and devoted herself to improving options in this community.

Gail was also a specialist in grant writing, and to her credit, she was able to bring millions of dollars in additional funding to the school system for projects designed to improve education and transform the lives of students. Most recently she was serving as lead advisor for the Youth CareerConnect STEM Academy at Anson High School, a highly competitive federal grant program awarded to Anson County Schools by the US Department of Labor and written by Preslar and company.

Her gift of grant writing enabled her, upon retirement from public schools, to birth Solutions 21, an educational consulting firm specializing in program development, grant-writing, and outcomes evaluation. Many leaders in education continued to contact Gail for her counsel, advice, and event planning and leadership ideas. She found great pleasure in being a mentor for future leaders in education.

Gail's grant writing skills were also beneficial to the Anson County Arts Council's restoration of the Ansonia Theatre in Wadesboro and the Hands for Hope organization focusing on empowering local families to become more secure. Gail loved Anson County and believed that each person living here was responsible for making it a community of pride.

Among Gail's greatest loves was Long Pine United Methodist Church. As the ancestral place of worship for the Dutton family, generations of Duttons have worshipped and held leadership roles there. Likewise, Gail served the church for nearly seven decades in various capacities, including pianist and music worship leader, youth leader, Sunday school teacher, treasurer, chairperson of the church and charge Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and coordinator of all trustee caretaking.

Another major love was family. Gail served as the center of extended family contacts and get-togethers. Her parents wanted the homeplace in Deep Creek to remain in their family, leading the other four siblings to give Gail "the homeplace" so that family would always be able to "come home." She was the one her brothers and sisters knew would always emphasize the importance of family gatherings and ensure that they remain close, knit together with strong ties of Christian and family love. Gail took that

role seriously and shared her home freely with family and friends, always directing celebrations in a way that only she could do.

Surviving are her son, Mike (Kathy) Preslar of Norwood and her grandchildren, Michael and Lauren; her brother and sisters, Charles (Marcia) Dutton of Lake Charles, LA, Judy Poulcott of Wadesboro and Kathy (Joel) Carroll of Hudson; her sister in law, Libby Dutton of Springdale, AR; and her nieces and nephews, Lynn Byrd of Germantown, TN, Mark Dutton of Fayetteville, AR, Steve Dutton of Locust, Tammie Mills, Kay Jones and Patti Poulcott, all of Wadesboro, Scott Dutton of Denver, CO and Jody Gregory of Lenoir - and their families.

The family thanks special friends who, through the years, have made Gail's life much more pleasant and productive - Cynthia Marshall and Edward Simon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Long Pine United Methodist Church, 8472 Hwy 109 S, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

Leavitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.

**Mrs. Julia Misenheimer Winfree**

Mrs. Julia Misenheimer Winfree, 89, died Friday, January 1, 2016, at Hospice Haven in Rockingham, NC.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at Anson Memorial Park with Rev. Dr. Sarah Kalish officiating.

Julia was born September 23, 1926, in Montgomery County, a daughter of the late James Ralph and Mamie Currie Misenheimer. She married Jack Winfree in 1952. She was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Jimmy Winfree of Rockingham, Bobby Winfree of Wadesboro, and George Winfree (Sharon) of Marshville; three grandchildren, Holly Winfree, Ellen Steele and Hayley Wright; and four great-grandchildren, J. R. Herold, Caleb Steele, Ethan Steele and Tyler Mullis Jr.

In addition to her parents, Julia was preceded in death by her husband Jack and a brother, Jim Misenheimer.

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